

## Key Anchor Points for the Diocesan Vision

### ***Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship Through God's Love***

#### **Discipleship**

- Is the process of coming to know, love and freely choose to follow Jesus Christ by way of repeated encounter with him.
- The Pathway of Discipleship names specific “thresholds of conversion” that unfold in a consistent and identifiable order.

#### **Missionary**

- We are all called to do so in the ordinary context of our daily lives, by giving as a gift what we have received as a gift in our faith.
- Every baptized person shares in the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations.
- Andrew was missionary from the first moment he met Jesus (John 1:37-42).
- We don't have to wait for some future moment of full maturity or formation to be very fruitful and missionary in our discipleship.

#### **Catholic**

- In all our efforts we uphold 100% the faith and morals of the Catholic Church.
- We want to bring all the riches of our Catholic heritage to bear in building up missionary disciples: The whole deposit of faith, communicated through Scripture and Tradition. The life of the Sacraments, the teaching of the Magisterium, the witness of the Saints, the riches of the Liturgical Year, our customs, devotions etc.

#### **Lifelong**

- Every person, in every stage, state and condition in life is called and has the opportunity to be a missionary disciple.
- There is a special fruitfulness in near-peer evangelization. In a K-6 school, 3rd graders really look up to the 6th graders. Middle schoolers look up to High Schoolers, who in turn look up to college students. During Set Ablaze we want to look in our pastorates and be intentional about creating opportunities for near-peer service and evangelization.

#### **Through God's Love**

- Not a nice rhetorical flourish. Instead, the foundation, goal and fabric of the entire vision.
- The only adequate motive for efforts of discipleship and evangelization is God's love for each person.
- All our efforts in building Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship should lead people into a greater experience of God's love, and be ordered to making saints- living in God's love forever in heaven.
- Every step of the way should emphasize goodness, truth and beauty of God and draw people to Him by way of goodness, truth and beauty, so as to evoke a response of love.
- Love is freely given, and can only be freely received and responded to.